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MEMORANDUM FOR: Constantine Menges, NIO/LA
FROM :
SUBJECT : Colombian IIM

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1. has passed to me his summary of the community responses to the TOR on subject as of April 3. He further informs me that you want to confer with me on the matter. I would like that.

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2. I am pleased to note that the responses seem generally to recommend that the paper be more narrowly focussed on specific threats to stability and that emphasis be placed on internal rather than external causes. I had been a bit uneasy about the all encompassing nature of our outline even though the unifying theme was stability largely because last fall's colloquium had quite thoroughly explored the background and because of the contract work ALA has scheduled. I was made more than uneasy when the 31 March State Department policy prescription paper appeared more or less pre-empting the sort of paper you and I had planned. I must say also I was a bit bemused when I learned that the State Department paper had been a community effort of which I was completely unaware. I felt both isolated and a bit foolish.

3. I would like to meet with you as soon as possible to work out a new set of TOR in accordance with the community responses and to accord with whatever sense you now have of what sort of product would be most useful. suggests, and I concur, that publication soon after May 30 would ensure most impact. Time grows short and much has been wasted already.

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